

## **Minutes of Board of Trustee Meeting December 14, 2010**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 7:30 pm at Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY.

Attending: Mayor Seth Gallagher and Trustees Charles Hustis, Bruce Campbell, J. Ralph Falloon and Airinhos Serradas

Also Attending: Stephen Gaba, Village Attorney and Ellen Mageean, Village Accountant

Absent: William Bujarski, Building Inspector (illness related) and Stephen Smith, Fire Inspector

Mayor Gallagher called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Review of minutes was deferred to the next workshop on 12/21/2010.

### **Monthly Reports**

Ms. Mageean initially reviewed bank balances followed by a six-month budget analysis. This review showed that the village is anticipating being approximately \$40,000 under budget for the year ending 5/31/2011. Excluding the Main Street project, revenues are anticipated to be about \$13,000 over budget. This is mainly due to an anticipated overage of \$10,000 in fines and forfeited bail. Overall, expenses are anticipated to be about \$27,000 under budget: \$12,000 is the result of not completing the Main Street project and \$15,000 is comprised of various budget lines with the most significant amounts in the contingent account (\$11,595) and garbage and recycling contractual accounts (\$8,500). Mayor Gallagher read a prepared statement regarding the budget analysis and concluded that the Village is on "very solid financial footing in these very uncertain economic times."

Trustee Hustis pushed for an earlier start to budget preparation.

**Police and Justice Court** reports were reviewed. Total monthly collection for November was \$12,362.00.

### **Water and Wastewater**

Discussion of the capital plan for the village dams is ongoing. Proposals for pressure grouting cracks, joints etc. in the sewer collection mains are currently being gathered. According to our SPDES permit, we are required to begin taking action toward correction of identified areas of inflow and infiltration by the end of March 2011.

**Recreation Commission** Trustee Campbell reported that the Tree Lighting Ceremony went well and thanked David Cooke, Daniel Dillon and members of the Recreation Commission for their contributions.

M. Schwartz offered to purchase a plaque or bench for the waterfront park as a memorial to his wife. The board had no objection to this request.

The Hanna family requested a memorial for John Hanna who participated in the preparation of the field at Mayor's Park. It was suggested that a tree be donated for this site with a commemorative plaque.

An application for a wedding ceremony on July 2, 2011 at the bandstand was considered. The original request included 120 people but this number has been scaled down. Trustee Campbell moved to approve this request and seconded by Trustee Serradas and unanimously approved.

### **Special Board for the Comprehensive Plan/Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan**

The Special Board voted on December 9, 2010 to recommend a draft Comprehensive Plan to the Village Board for review and adoption. The vote to recommend was 5-4. M. Armstrong urged the board to exercise due diligence in considering adoption and to bear in mind the real cost of delay. The Special Board will now move on to prepare the Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan for the village.

### **Report of the Mayor and Board of Trustees**

Trustee Campbell received a proposed contract from Clough Harbour for the Main Street improvement projects.

Trustee Falloon is establishing an account for the NY Alert system and will notify the village when complete.

Mayor Gallagher reported a successful conclusion to the easement for the upper reservoir dam. The lighting proposal for the waterfront park was approved. Hudson Highland Land Trust will put money into an escrow account for additional lights, if the village decides to pursue this installation. Monies have been allocated for replacement of the dock railings. Sidewalk repairs are ongoing.

### **New Business**

Mayor Gallagher acknowledged receipt of the Comprehensive Plan. Attorney Gaba outlined steps that must occur including an environmental assessment, establishing lead agency, referral to Putnam County Planning and the holding of a public hearing.

A workshop for discussion of the Comprehensive Plan was scheduled for January 4, 2011. It was suggested that public comment be limited at this meeting.

Mayor Gallagher distributed a business proposal to board members pertaining to a tour boat that would be based at the Cold Spring waterfront.

The December 28, 2010 workshop has been cancelled.

### **Public Comment**

Thomas Ambrose requested that proposals for reworking Main Street be placed on the village website.

Liz Armstrong asked about plans for a public shelter in the event of a power loss. Mayor Gallagher described this as a work in progress and also mentioned the need for a generator for use in Village Hall. A local emergency operation center was briefly discussed.

Kathleen Foley, member of the Historic District Review Board, felt that the recent lighting proposal brought to light some issues with the HDRB. She spoke of feeling disconnected from the Village Board and called for improved communication. She felt there was a general perception that preservation was not important and should be avoided at all costs. For public perception, she thought that parity with the other board would improve the way the board functions. There was discussion about liaison reports and

responsibilities and the need for improved coordination between the various boards. Lastly, she called for review of the design standards on lighting and composite material use. She will follow up with a letter.

Trustee Falloon moved to enter into closed session to confer with counsel on the prosecution of justice court violations and seconded by Trustee Hustis and unanimously approved.

After closed session, the board approved the use of the Village Attorney to prosecute cases in the Justice Court.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Saari, Village Clerk